

IPOD, PERSONAL SAFETY

Tips on Keeping Your Digital Audio Player and Yourself Out of Harms Way

Here are tips on safeguarding yourself and your iPod or any small hand held electronic device.

Make Wise Choices

- Some people may choose to wear their MP3 players, cellphones and PDAs clipped to their belts, but that may not be the best safety practice.
- Consider changing the popular white iPod headphones for a pair of unidentifiable ones. Using the white headphones while out in the public is advertising that somewhere on your person you are carrying an item worth over \$300 and has the capability of holding over 10,000 songs – certainly a temptation for any thief.
- Avoid carrying your iPod to and from school, schools are targeted areas for thieves due to the great number of iPods students are carrying.
- Consider purchasing something along the line of Apple's iPod Mini Armbands. It will free your hands and help you secure the iPod to your body instead of displaying it with a clip on your belt.

More Ways to Avoid Having Your iPod Stolen

- Do not leave your property unattended in public places.
- Do not leave your property on or in your desk at work.
- Do not leave it in an unsecured school locker.
- Do not leave valuable items in your car, lock them in the trunk.
- Wear your iPod inside your clothing so that it cannot be easily snatched by a thief.
- Be wise about where you choose to use it.
- Use caution when walking, running or biking. Loud music can drown out the sounds of an approaching car, warning from an emergency vehicle or a suspicious person.
- Wearing headphones in an isolated area can attract the attention of a criminal.
- Do not wear an iPod or MP3 device when driving.
- If possible travel with a friend.
- Record the serial number of the iPod.
- Consider engraving or marking your electronic devices with an identifiable name or number.

These principles apply to all digital audio players, PDAs and cellphones or any small electronic device that you want to protect.

SOURCES

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